#### **Fuel Assistance**

# Winter Heating Helpline

866-ENERGY-7

www.state.ma.us/winterheating

# Cambridge/Somerville Fuel Assistance

617-349-6252

# Chicopee Emergency Food and Fuel

413-592-6121/Chicopee

# Citizens Energy Corporation

Oil heat program 877-JOE-4-OIL

www.citizensenergy.com

# Department of Telecommunications and Energy

Consumer Division

617-305-3531

800-392-6066

800-323-3298/TTY

# Good Neighbor Energy Fund

Fuel assistance available to eligible families during the

heating season

800-334-3047/Eastern MA

800-262-1320/Western MA

# Massachusetts Energy Consumers Alliance

617-524-3950

800-287-3950

www.massenergy.com

# Massachusetts Fuel Assistance and Energy

**Conservation Programs** 

Callers will be referred to a local or regional heating assistance provider.

1-800-632-8175

# **Roxbury Multi-Service Center**

Gives funds for back rent, back electricity, and gas bills, and fuel assistance.

617-427-4470 x 435/Greater Boston

Call a local organization for fuel assistance eligibility  $\Rightarrow$ 

#### Eastern Massachusetts

# **Action Energy Program**

978-281-3900/Gloucester

# Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD)

See website for a list of fuel assistance intake sites.

617-357-6000/Boston

www.bostonabcd.org

#### Citizens for Citizens, Inc.

Program available November - April

508-679-0041/Fall River

508-823-6346/Taunton

# Community Action, Inc.

800-332-9004

978-388-3066/Amesbury

978-373-1971/Haverhill

978-465-4462/Newburyport

# Community Action Program Intercity, Inc.

617-884-6130/Chelsea

# Lynn Economic Opportunity

781-581-7220/Lynn

# North Shore Community Action Programs

978-531-0767/Peabody

#### People Acting in Community Endeavors (PACE)

508-999-9920/New Bedford

## Quincy Community Action Programs, Inc.

617-479-8181/Quincy

#### Self Help

508-588-5440/Brockton

#### South Middlesex Opportunity Council

Energy and Financial Assistance Programs

508-620-1230/Framingham

# Tri-City Community Action Programs, Inc.

781-322-6284/Malden

#### **Central Massachusetts**

#### North Central Massachusetts

978-342-4520/Fitchburg

# Worcester Community Action Council, Inc.

508-754-1176/Worcester

# Western Massachusetts

# ARISE for Social Justice

413-734-4948/Springfield

# **Berkshire Community Action Council**

413-528-1947/Great Barrington

413-663-3014/North Adams

413-445-5671/Pittsfield

## Franklin Community Action Corp.

413-773-3421/Franklin County

800-370-0940/Hampshire County

# Housing

# Boston Mayor's Hotline

After 5:00 PM and on weekends

617-635-4500/Boston

# Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance Inc.

Distribute furniture and household goods free of charge to families and individuals.

508-752-9276/Worcester

#### Citizens Housing and Planning Association

617-742-0820/Boston

www.chapa.org

#### **City Mission Society**

Gives financial assistance for rent, electricity and telephone cut-off, food and clothes.

617-742-6830 x 205

# Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development

Division of Neighborhood Services

Fuel assistance, homelessness prevention, neighborhood

economic development

617-727-7004

800-632-8175

www.state.ma.us/dhcd

#### Division of Public Housing and Rental Assistance

617-727-7130 ext.237

www.state.ma.us/dhcd

# **Emergency Shelter Commission**

Weekday hours.

617-635-4507/Boston

#### Friends of the Homeless

Give furniture and household goods to low-income people.

781-340-1604/Southeastern MA

# Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance

Counseling for first-time homebuyers and advocacy on housing issues 617-822-9100 www.mahahome.org

#### Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless

Homelessness advocacy organization 617-737-3430 www.mahomeless.org

# Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance

617-367-6447

# MA Tenant Organization and Resource Center

Information on tenants' rights 617-367-6260

#### Lead Paint Hotline

Information about lead laws and consumer rights, referrals for lead screening, inspection, and deleading 800-532-9571

#### **Poison Control Center**

Emergency advice and information on poisons Spanish available 800-682-9211(24 hr)

#### The Boston Home Center

Programs and services available in Boston such as homebuyer education classes and counseling 617.635.HOME www.cityofboston.gov

#### Traveler's Aid Society

A limited program to provide short-term emergency shelter to Boston Families in crisis. 617-542-7286/Boston

#### Food Assistance

# Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance

Runs food stamp program. You do not have to be on welfare to be eligible for food stamps. 800-249-2007 www.mass.gov/dta

# Project Bread's Food Source Hotline

Provides information about food stamps and referrals to emergency food pantries and meal sites; offers a summer food service program in summer months for children 19 and under; Spanish available

800-645-8333 800-377-1292 (TTY) www.projectbread.org

# **SERVE New England**

Low cost food for those willing to give two hours of voluntary service 888-742-7363

For resources for persons who are homeless, please refer to the Telephone Resource Directory published by Women of Means, Inc. Call Women of Means, Inc. at 781-239-0290.

## **Federal Information Center**

Information about federal agencies and programs 800-688-9889

#### Citizen Information Line

Information about state agencies and programs 800-392-6090

# State Representative and Senators

617-722-2000/State House

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